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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices ranged unchanged to lower. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand continued to improve in some locations, but remained light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with the lighter weighted eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light and unaggressive demand. The National shell egg inventory was 2% less than a week ago. Light type hens were usually sufficient for normal to reduced schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The New England weekly shell egg inventory was 18% lower than last Monday. The Pennsylvania inventory was 6% higher, but the Delaware/Maryland inventory was 36% less than the previous week. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate to at least adequate for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were down 2 cents for medium and were unchanged on the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate, best into feature activity. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules generally reduced for this week. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady on larger sizes, steady at best on smaller sizes. Demand into all outlets light to moderate. Offerings adequate for larger sizes, available for smaller sizes.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were generally unchanged on the larger sizes but slightly lower on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with some improvement noted. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending February 15, 2002 was 54.84 cents, 8.87 cents less than a week earlier and 15.66 cents less than last year. Breaking stock demand was fair and unaggressive for adequate to ample offerings. Breaking schedules were reported as normal to heavy for this week. The Georgia shell egg inventory was 7% less than last week and the South Atlantic regional inventory was 4% less than a week ago. Light type hens were usually adequate for regular to reduced processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last week with California down 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotional activity was in place or planned. Supplies were fully adequate for present needs. The New York shell egg inventory increased 31 percent and the New Jersey shell egg inventory decreased 15 percent when compared to the previous Monday.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
NORTHEAST CITIES	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	95-97	87-89	73-75
New York	58-62	56-60	45-49
Philadelphia	56-60	55-58	44-47.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-52	46-49	36-39
Jackson (1)	54-56	52-54	44-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-67	55-66	43-54
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-53	47-51	36-40
Detroit (2)	45-50	44-49	36-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-51	46-49	34-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	47-53	36-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	61-67	56-66	44-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	86	79	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 9% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light locally, in close balance from out of state. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Northern California: major-large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	89
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	229-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	205-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	185-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 22, 2002 will increase by 28 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 15, 2002 were 223,474 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	192,550	30,924	223,474

% change from the prior week..... -15 -3 -14
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate. Contractual movement of liquid was rated as fairly good, with interest in spot loads of liquid very light with whites being the exception. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules generally reduced for this week. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-29	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate for adequate supplies. Schedules were normal. Dressed sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.25-11.75 CENTS/LB. 8.5-9.25 8.87
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were generally adequate for immediate needs. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-FEB-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-10.5 CENTS/LB. 8.75-10 8.81
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 18, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.8	19.7	8.0	13.6	12.4	63.5
	Change	1.1	-0.9	1.7	0.6	1.2	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.9	35.3	16.2	24.1	28.6	135.1
	Change	-0.1	0.8	-1.0	-3.5	0.6	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	35.2	104.5	72.2	74.3	122.2	408.4
	Change	-11.4	-0.3	-12.4	-13.0	-2.8	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.2	44.7	20.3	23.0	25.2	128.4
	Change	2.9	3.8	-3.7	-2.4	-1.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	8.1	3.9	4.5	8.7	29.7
	Change	1.1	0.4	-1.7	0.2	3.3	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	24.1	7.1	12.3	6.0	53.3
	Change	-0.2	-1.4	1.6	0.4	-0.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	71.3	21.3	34.0	30.6	179.5
	Change	-2.1	11.3	-6.9	9.9	-2.5	6%
Total	Curr Wk	121.7	307.7	149.0	185.8	233.7	997.9
Percent	Change	-7%	5%	-13%	-4%	-1%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	997.9	-3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	305.1	1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1303.0 -2% 208
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 04, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 04, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2002

CURRENT LOADS	13.75	FUTURE LOADS	4.00	TOTAL LOADS	17.75
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	32.00	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR W 1	38.00	41.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	43.00	42.00	43.50	44.00	47.00	5.50		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	53.50	1.00	
GL W LG	—	43.00	38.43	40.91	41.00	—	6.25		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	2.00	
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	29.00	—	—	1.75										
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.75	30.75	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.75	17.75	—	—	.50										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/12/02-02/18/02

CURRENT LOADS	78.50	FUTURE LOADS	46.00	TOTAL LOADS	124.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W XL	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 1	32.75	34.25	33.25	37.00	36.00	33.67	18.00		GNR W 1	36.73	38.82	—	—	—	—	12.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	32.50	27.75	23.00	4.00		GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR XL	53.00	—	52.00	—	—	—	2.00		GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	57.00	58.00	—	—	2.00		GNR BR 1	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00		GL W J	52.50	—	—	—	—	59.33	3.00	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.00	—	2.00		GL W XL	—	48.33	—	—	—	51.10	11.25	
GL W XL	—	43.45	41.80	42.74	41.99	47.00	42.00		GL W LG	—	45.00	—	49.50	—	49.14	16.00	
GL W LG	—	42.21	36.86	39.56	39.65	—	30.75		GL W MD	—	30.00	—	—	—	36.11	7.50	
GL W MD	—	31.67	26.29	26.45	27.33	29.00	20.50		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	.25	
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.00	25.00	—	1.50		NRBS - 42	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	55.00	56.50	.75		NRBS - 39	20.00	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.75	30.75	27.50	29.39	18.75		NRBS - 36	—	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	5.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.83	16.83	—	18.50	8.75										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.00	13.00	2.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/03/02 - 02/09/02

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arkansas	0	0	1,700	1,700
Colorado	0	0	3,665	3,665
Georgia	0	790	0	790
Illinois	0	0	960	960
Indiana	0	0	1,700	1,700
Iowa	4,375	2,310	57,211	63,896
Michigan	0	0	1,590	1,590
Minnesota	0	918	7,520	8,438
Missouri	0	0	4,766	4,766
New Hampshire	0	0	1,550	1,550
Ohio	0	675	6,595	7,270
Oregon	1,056	0	0	1,056
South Carolina	0	0	840	840
Texas	0	0	600	600
Utah	1,678	660	7,429	9,767
Wisconsin	552	0	2,725	3,277
TOTAL	7,661	5,353	98,851	111,865
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	7,661	5,353	98,851	111,865

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	76-79	68-71	54-57	25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 2/3/02-2/9/02
 30-dozen cases 6,627
 Receipts from the mainland: 1/27/02-2/2/02
 30-dozen cases 8,308

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-61	44-48	42-47	34-37	25-29

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67.57	66.27	55.57	45.51

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
28-31	17-21	7-10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/11/02	02/04/02	02/12/01
PACIFIC COAST	280	317	213
LOS ANGELES	242	268	178

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